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NOTES

ABOUT THIS PUBLICATION

This publication contains information on housing motivations and intentions obtained from the October 2004 State Supplementary Survey, Housing Motivations and Intentions, Queensland. It presents information on household composition, dwelling and tenure type, and whether modifications have been made to the dwelling for older people or people with a disability. For households that have moved within the last three years, reasons for choosing to live in their current dwelling and reasons for moving from their previous dwelling are reported. Also included are all reasons households are not likely to move in the next 12 months but want to move by certain selected characteristics such as age, household income, and labour force status.

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ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS

ABS Australian Bureau of Statistics

Qld Queensland

MPS Monthly Population Survey

MSR major statistical region

RSE relative standard error

SE standard error

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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

MOVERS - SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS

In October 2004, an estimated 443,800 households in Queensland had moved residence together in the previous three years. These households represented 30% of all households that resided in Queensland. Similar proportions of households within the Brisbane Major Statistical Region (MSR) and the Balance of Queensland MSR had moved (27% and 32% respectively). Proportionally, households that resided in a flat, unit or apartment were more likely to have moved (46%) compared with those residing in a separate house (26%).

Household type

In Queensland, the household types most likely to have moved in the previous three years were single parent families (41%), persons living alone (33%) and couples with children (30%). For single parent families, important reasons for moving from the previous residence were a change in family circumstance, including divorce, (29%) and their mortgage or rent being too high (16%).

Household income

Similar proportions of movers were found across the different income ranges of Queensland households. Nearly one-third (31%) of those with an income range of \$37,000 to \$55,999 had moved in the previous three years, whilst households earning less than \$37,000 and those earning \$56,000 or more had the same proportion of movers at 30%.

Labour force status

Households containing at least one unemployed person reported a higher proportion of movers (45%) than households containing at least one employed person (33%) and households containing at least one person not in the labour force (22%). Main reasons given by all households for moving into their current dwelling were to move closer to work or to improve employment prospects, and to live in a better area (both 19%).

Non-movers

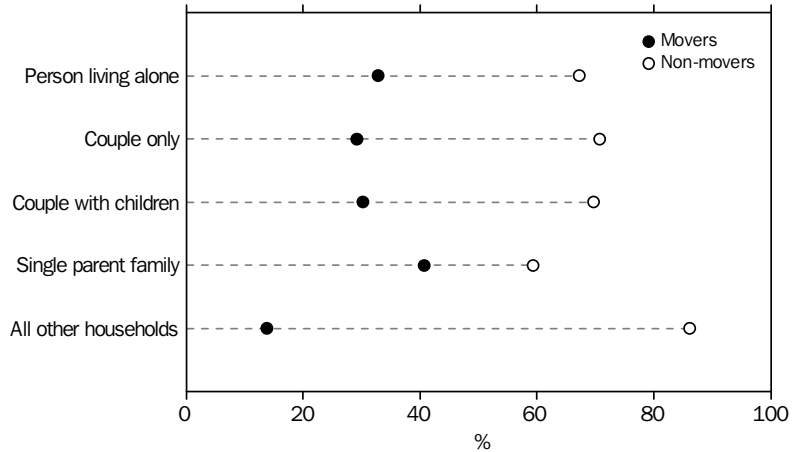
In October 2004, there were an estimated 1,051,800 households in Queensland that did not move residence in the previous three years. Households within the Brisbane MSR had 73% non-movers compared with 68% within the Balance of Queensland MSR. A higher proportion of households residing in a separate house were non-movers (74%) compared with those residing in a flat, unit or apartment (54%).

The household types with the highest proportion of non-movers were couples only (71%) and couples with children (70%). As with movers, the proportions of households that had not moved were similar across income ranges (around 70%). Households which contained employed persons and persons not in the labour force reported the highest proportions of non-movers (67% and 78% respectively).

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS *continued*

Non-movers continued

MOVERS AND NON-MOVERS, by household type, Queensland



DWELLING TYPE AND TENURE TYPE

Most Queensland households (1,003,900) owned their current dwelling, either with or without a mortgage, whilst 468,100 households were renting. The highest proportion of non-movers (87%) was recorded by owners without a mortgage. This compared with non-mover households paying off their home (71%) and renter households (53%).

Of the 1,051,800 non-mover households, a higher proportion of households residing in a separate house were non-movers (74%) compared with 54% of non-mover households residing in a flat, unit or apartment.

The highest proportion of households that moved were households living in a flat, unit or apartment (46%) compared with 26% of households living in a separate house.

Of the 56,200 households which rent and live in a semi-detached, terrace or town house over half (53%) have moved within the last three years, while 47% have not moved.

DWELLING MODIFICATIONS

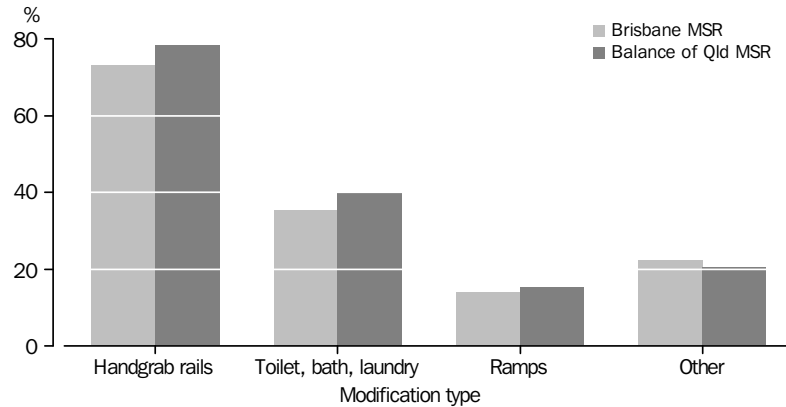
Households were asked if they had made modifications to their residence to suit older persons or persons with a disability. In Queensland, 7% (107,900) of households made modifications for these reasons. Households that reported modifications were more likely to be owners without a mortgage (62%) and persons living alone (38%). The household type with the lowest proportion of modifications was couples with children (3%).

The most common modifications to the property were the installation of handgrab rails (76%), toilet, bath and laundry alterations (38%), and the addition of ramps (15%). Nearly three-quarters (73%) of households in the Brisbane MSR with modifications reported installing handgrab rails, compared with 78% in the Balance of Queensland MSR.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS *continued*

DWELLING MODIFICATIONS *continued*

DWELLING MODIFICATION TYPE(a), by Queensland major statistical region



(a) Modifications carried out to the current dwelling for the elderly or people with disability.

REASONS FOR CHOOSING THE CURRENT DWELLING

Mover households could nominate more than one reason for choosing to live in their current dwelling. The most common reason was to live close to work and employment prospects (34%). Mover households with people in the prime working age groups of 25 to 34 years and 35 to 44 years were the highest contributors (34% and 29% respectively).

Other frequently reported reasons for choosing to live in the current dwelling were to live near family and friends (26%), to live in a better area (24%) and to move into a bigger or smaller home (12%).

REASONS FOR MOVING FROM THE PREVIOUS DWELLING

Households were asked to nominate reasons for moving from their previous dwelling; more than one reason could be nominated. The most common reason stated for moving was to live in a better area (39%). For households nominating this reason, the most common household income range was \$56,000 or more. The most common household types that moved for this reason were couples with children (36%), followed by couples only (27%).

The next most common reason nominated by households for moving from their previous residence was that it was not suitable (30%). The most common household type to move for this reason was couple families with children (39%).

REASONS FOR NOT MOVING

Households that stated they were not likely to move in the next 12 months, but indicated they would like to move, were asked to provide reasons for not moving. The most common reason given for not moving was that they could not afford a new dwelling (54%). For households nominating this reason, the most common income range was less than \$37,000 (44%). The most common household type who could not afford a new dwelling was couples with children (32%).

HOUSEHOLDS, Movers and non-movers by selected characteristics

<i>Selected characteristics</i>	MOVERS(a)		NON-MOVERS		TOTAL
	'000	%	'000	%	'000
Major statistical region					
Brisbane	183.8	27.2	490.8	72.8	674.6
Balance of Qld	259.9	31.7	561.0	68.3	820.9
Household type					
Person living alone	110.4	32.8	226.1	67.2	336.5
Couple only	112.9	29.2	273.1	70.8	386.0
Couple with children	139.7	30.3	320.8	69.7	460.5
Single parent family	56.9	40.7	82.9	59.3	139.8
All other households(b)	23.9	13.8	148.8	86.2	172.7
Household income					
Less than \$37,000	162.4	29.7	383.7	70.3	546.1
\$37,000 - \$55,999	86.3	31.2	189.9	68.8	276.2
\$56,000 or more	179.4	29.6	426.1	70.4	605.5
Labour force status					
Employed	331.0	32.6	683.3	67.4	1 014.3
Unemployed	12.7	45.0	15.6	55.0	28.3
Not in the labour force	100.0	22.1	352.9	77.9	452.9
Total households(c)	443.8	29.7	1 051.8	70.3	1 495.5

(a) Households who have moved together in the last three years.

(b) See Glossary for definition.

(c) Including Don't know.

HOUSEHOLDS, Movers and non-movers by dwelling structure and tenure type

<i>Dwelling structure and tenure types</i>	MOVERS (a)		NON-MOVERS		TOTAL
	'000	%	'000	%	'000
Separate house					
Owner without a mortgage	48.7	11.1	391.8	88.9	440.6
Owner with a mortgage	133.2	28.3	337.0	71.7	470.2
Renter	123.1	43.6	159.4	56.4	282.6
Other(b)	7.7	43.2	10.2	56.8	17.9
Total(c)	313.1	25.8	899.9	74.2	1 213.0
Semi-detached, row or terrace house, townhouse, etc.					
Owner without a mortgage	np	np	np	np	18.0
Owner with a mortgage	7.7	45.1	9.4	54.9	17.0
Renter	29.6	52.7	26.6	47.3	56.2
Other(b)	np	np	np	np	np
Total(c)	41.6	45.0	50.8	55.0	92.4
Flat, unit or apartment					
Owner without a mortgage	9.3	32.6	19.2	67.4	28.5
Owner with a mortgage	np	np	np	np	16.7
Renter	63.1	51.4	59.6	48.6	122.7
Other(b)	np	np	**1.3	np	*2.1
Total(c)	79.0	46.4	91.3	53.6	170.4
Total(d)					
Owner without a mortgage	67.0	13.5	430.8	86.5	497.8
Owner with a mortgage	147.5	29.1	358.6	70.9	506.1
Renter	220.0	47.0	248.1	53.0	468.1
Other(b)	9.0	41.9	12.4	58.1	21.4
Total(c)	443.8	29.7	1 051.8	70.3	1 495.5

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(c) Including Don't know.

(d) Including caravan in a caravan park, manufactured home, other dwelling types and Don't know.

HOUSEHOLDS, Whether dwelling modifications carried out by selected characteristics

<i>Selected characteristics</i>	WHETHER MODIFICATIONS CARRIED OUT(a)			
	Yes '000	No '000	Total(b) '000	Yes(c) %
Major statistical region				
Brisbane	45.2	629.1	674.6	6.7
Balance of Qld	62.8	757.2	820.9	7.6
Household type				
Person living alone	40.9	294.9	336.5	12.2
Couple only	32.3	353.7	386.0	8.4
Couple with children	13.9	446.5	460.5	3.0
Single parent family	*4.7	134.8	139.8	*3.3
All other households(d)	16.1	156.3	172.7	9.3
Tenure type				
Owner without a mortgage	66.4	431.0	497.8	13.3
Owner with a mortgage	20.4	485.6	506.1	4.0
Renter	18.4	443.8	463.1	4.0
Other	*2.7	25.9	28.6	*9.3
Landlord type(e)				
Real estate agent	*5.5	246.2	252.0	*2.2
Public, community, co-operative housing	8.8	51.9	60.9	14.4
Person not in same household	*4.7	118.1	123.1	*3.8
Other	np	np	32.1	np
Movers and non-movers				
Movers	14.7	429.1	443.8	3.3
Non-movers	93.2	957.2	1 051.8	8.9
Total households(b)	107.9	1 386.3	1 495.5	7.2

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(d) See Glossary for definition.

(e) Including households who are renting and those purchasing a dwelling under a rent-buy/shared equity scheme.

HOUSEHOLDS, Dwelling modification type by selected characteristics(a)

Selected characteristics	HANDGRAB RAILS(b)		TOILET, BATH, LAUNDRY (b)		RAMP (b)		OTHER(b)		TOTAL(c)
	'000	%	'000	%	'000	%	'000	%	'000
Major statistical region									
Brisbane	33.0	73.2	15.9	35.3	6.4	14.1	10.1	22.3	45.2
Balance of Qld	49.1	78.3	25.0	39.9	9.6	15.3	12.9	20.6	62.8
Household type									
Person living alone	34.0	83.1	14.3	34.9	*5.4	*13.3	6.1	14.9	40.9
Couple only	24.3	75.3	12.7	39.4	*3.4	*10.5	8.1	25.0	32.3
Couple with children	8.4	60.2	6.8	48.5	*3.9	*28.0	*4.8	*34.4	13.9
Single parent family	*4.0	*86.6	*2.0	*42.6	np	np	—	*—	*4.7
All other households(d)	11.4	70.8	*5.2	*32.3	np	np	*4.0	*25.2	16.1
Tenure type									
Owner without a mortgage	52.5	79.1	26.8	40.4	9.0	13.6	10.4	15.6	66.4
Owner with a mortgage	12.4	60.7	7.0	34.3	*5.0	*24.4	7.8	37.9	20.4
Renter	15.7	81.8	6.8	35.3	*1.7	*8.6	*4.9	*25.5	19.2
Total(e)	82.1	76.1	40.9	37.9	16.0	14.8	23.0	21.4	107.9
Landlord type(f)									
Real estate agent	*3.9	*70.4	**1.3	**23.2	np	np	np	np	*5.5
Public, community, co-operative housing	7.2	82.0	*4.6	*52.2	np	np	*3.4	*38.7	8.8
Person not in same household	*4.4	*93.8	np	np	np	np	np	np	*4.7
Total(g)	15.7	81.8	6.8	35.3	*1.7	*8.6	*4.9	*25.5	19.2
Movers and non-movers									
Mover	10.0	68.2	*4.8	*32.9	*3.9	*26.5	*3.7	*24.9	14.7
Non-mover	72.1	77.4	36.1	38.7	12.1	13.0	19.4	20.8	93.2
Total households	82.1	76.1	40.9	37.9	16.0	14.8	23.0	21.4	107.9

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(d) See Glossary for definition.

(e) Including Don't know and Other tenure types.

(f) Including households who are renting and those purchasing a dwelling under a rent-buy/shared equity scheme.

(g) Including Don't know and Not stated.

HOUSEHOLDS, Current tenure type by selected characteristics

Selected characteristics	OWNER WITHOUT A MORTGAGE(a)		OWNER WITH A MORTGAGE(a)		RENTER(a)		OTHER(a)		TOTAL(a)(b)	
	'000	%	'000	%	'000	%	'000	%	'000	%
Time at current address (years)										
Less than 1	47.0	9.4	93.8	18.5	198.6	42.4	6.9	32.3	347.1	23.2
1 to less than 2	31.7	6.4	70.5	13.9	91.7	19.6	*1.7	*7.8	195.6	13.1
2 to less than 3	24.8	5.0	41.7	8.2	33.5	7.2	*2.2	*10.4	102.6	6.9
3 or more	394.3	79.2	300.0	59.3	144.2	30.8	10.6	49.5	850.3	56.9
Time household has lived together (years)										
Less than 1	18.1	3.6	31.7	6.3	74.8	16.0	np	np	125.8	8.4
1 to less than 2	8.7	1.7	19.8	3.9	34.0	7.3	np	np	62.8	4.2
2 to less than 3	9.4	1.9	16.3	3.2	18.7	4.0	np	np	45.9	3.1
3 or more	321.0	64.5	372.9	73.7	214.8	45.9	8.4	39.4	918.2	61.4
Not applicable(c)	140.5	28.2	65.4	12.9	125.8	26.9	10.8	50.3	342.8	22.9
Number of dwellings lived in										
One	430.8	86.5	358.6	70.9	248.1	53.0	12.4	58.1	1 051.8	70.3
Two	55.4	11.1	100.6	19.9	136.8	29.2	*3.9	*18.0	296.8	19.8
Three or more	11.6	2.3	46.9	9.3	83.2	17.8	*5.1	*24.0	146.9	9.8
Total households	497.8	100.0	506.1	100.0	468.1	100.0	21.4	100.0	1 495.5	100.0

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(b) Including Don't know.

(c) Question not asked of persons living alone or single parent families where all children were aged under three years.

MOVERS(a), All reasons and main reason for choosing current dwelling

<i>Reasons choosing to live in current dwelling</i>	ALL REASONS(b)(c)		MAIN REASONS(b)	
	'000	%	'000	%
To live close to work or to improve employment prospects	150.6	33.9	84.5	19.0
To live in a better area(d)	105.6	23.8	82.0	18.5
To live near family and friends	113.8	25.6	49.6	11.2
Wanted a bigger or smaller home	51.5	11.6	45.7	10.3
Bought this dwelling as a first home buyer	46.7	10.5	26.2	5.9
To reduce rental/mortgage costs	34.1	7.7	25.9	5.8
To live near a school or educational institution	71.6	16.1	26.8	6.0
Change in family circumstances(d)	21.8	4.9	19.2	4.3
To live closer to public transport	52.4	11.8	7.1	1.6
To live closer to health and community support services	38.0	8.6	9.3	2.1
Other reasons	84.6	19.1	67.5	15.2
Total movers	443.8	100.0

.. not applicable

(a) Households who have moved together in the last three years.

(b) Percentages are calculated on the basis of total mover households.

(c) Figures do not sum to the total as households could nominate more than one reason.

(d) See Glossary for definition.

MOVERS(a), All reasons for choosing current dwelling by selected characteristics

Selected characteristics	TO LIVE CLOSE TO WORK OR IMPROVE EMPLOYMENT PROSPECTS		TO LIVE NEAR FAMILY AND FRIENDS		TO LIVE IN A BETTER AREA(b)		TO LIVE CLOSER TO PUBLIC TRANSPORT		TO LIVE NEAR A SCHOOL OR EDUCATION INSTITUTION	
	'000	%	'000	%	'000	%	'000	%	'000	%
Major statistical region										
Brisbane	62.7	41.6	51.7	45.4	36.4	34.5	33.5	63.9	31.9	44.5
Balance of Qld	88.0	58.4	62.1	54.6	69.1	65.5	18.9	36.1	39.7	55.5
Household type										
Person living alone	37.9	25.1	27.8	24.5	17.9	16.9	13.6	25.9	7.4	10.4
Couple only	37.8	25.1	26.1	22.9	35.2	33.3	11.3	21.5	*4.9	*6.9
Couple with children	49.2	32.7	34.5	30.4	38.2	36.2	14.4	27.4	31.0	43.3
Single parent family	16.1	10.7	18.2	16.0	7.5	7.1	10.0	19.2	23.7	33.0
All other households(b)	9.7	6.4	7.2	6.3	6.9	6.5	*3.2	*6.1	*4.6	*6.4
Tenure type										
Owner without a mortgage	11.1	7.4	19.9	17.5	np	np	6.9	13.2	*4.8	*6.7
Owner with a mortgage	42.3	28.1	34.9	30.7	44.8	42.4	14.8	28.3	26.4	36.9
Renter	92.7	61.6	57.1	50.2	36.4	34.5	30.6	58.5	40.3	56.4
Other	*4.5	*3.0	*1.8	*1.6	np	np	—	—	—	—
Landlord type(c)										
Real estate agent	63.4	42.1	36.2	31.8	23.5	22.3	20.1	38.3	29.9	41.7
Public, community, co-operative housing	*2.6	*1.8	*4.3	*3.8	*1.8	*1.7	np	np	np	np
Person not in same household	18.0	12.0	13.4	11.8	7.8	7.4	*5.5	*10.5	6.6	9.2
Other	8.7	5.8	*3.2	*2.8	*3.2	*3.1	np	np	np	np
Age group (years)										
18–24	17.4	11.5	7.6	6.7	*3.9	*3.7	*4.6	*8.9	*4.9	*6.8
25–34	51.5	34.2	34.5	30.3	31.8	30.2	14.9	28.3	22.9	31.9
35–44	43.3	28.7	31.6	27.7	24.2	22.9	18.6	35.4	30.9	43.1
45–54	25.1	16.6	13.6	12.0	16.4	15.5	6.3	12.1	10.3	14.4
55–64	np	np	9.7	8.6	16.0	15.2	*3.7	*7.1	np	np
65 years or more	np	np	16.0	14.1	12.8	12.2	*4.0	*7.5	np	np
Household income										
Less than \$37,000	39.0	25.9	47.7	41.9	34.7	32.8	22.3	42.5	26.7	37.3
\$37,000 - \$55,999	33.1	22.0	16.8	14.8	20.2	19.2	6.5	12.4	11.8	16.5
\$56,000 or more	71.7	47.6	43.7	38.4	48.5	45.9	21.7	41.5	28.9	40.3
Labour force status										
Employed	135.9	90.2	74.8	65.7	79.3	75.1	37.1	70.7	54.8	76.6
Unemployed	*4.8	*3.2	*4.3	*3.8	*3.3	*3.2	*2.4	*4.7	*3.9	*5.5
Not in the labour force	10.0	6.6	34.7	30.5	22.9	21.7	12.9	24.6	12.8	17.9
Total movers (d)	150.6	100.0	113.8	100.0	105.6	100.0	52.4	100.0	71.6	100.0

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Selected characteristics	WANTED A BIGGER OR SMALLER HOME		OTHER REASONS(b)		TOTAL(c)	
	'000	%	'000	%	'000	%
Major statistical region						
Brisbane	26.2	50.8	82.2	40.8	183.8	41.4
Balance of Qld	25.4	49.2	119.2	59.2	259.9	58.6
Household type						
Person living alone	5.9	11.5	60.2	29.9	110.4	24.9
Couple only	12.7	24.7	48.8	24.2	112.9	25.4
Couple with children	27.1	52.6	53.2	26.4	139.7	31.5
Single parent family	*3.5	*6.8	29.8	14.8	56.9	12.8
All other households(d)	*2.2	*4.3	9.4	4.6	23.9	5.4
Tenure type						
Owner without a mortgage	np	np	27.4	13.6	67.0	15.1
Owner with a mortgage	21.2	41.1	74.7	37.1	147.5	33.2
Renter	16.9	32.7	95.5	47.4	220.0	49.6
Other	np	np	*3.5	*1.8	9.0	2.0
Landlord type(e)						
Real estate agent	9.4	18.2	54.0	26.8	134.5	30.3
Public, community, co-operative housing	**1.2	**2.4	9.3	4.6	14.9	3.4
Person not in same household	*4.3	*8.4	24.0	11.9	53.4	12.0
Other	*1.9	*3.7	7.4	3.7	16.4	3.7
Age group (years)						
18-24	np	np	21.9	10.9	37.3	8.4
25-34	13.3	25.8	58.7	29.1	126.9	28.6
35-44	13.6	26.4	53.7	26.7	116.2	26.2
45-54	8.6	16.6	30.1	14.9	71.1	16.0
55-64	7.8	15.1	19.4	9.7	49.3	11.1
65 years or more	np	np	17.6	8.7	41.5	9.3
Household income						
Less than \$37,000	16.4	31.9	81.2	40.3	162.4	36.6
\$37,000 - \$55,999	6.8	13.1	38.4	19.1	86.3	19.4
\$56,000 or more	27.9	54.1	72.4	36.0	179.4	40.4
Labour force status						
Employed	40.0	77.6	144.5	71.8	331.0	74.6
Unemployed	np	np	6.9	3.4	12.7	2.9
Not in the labour force	np	np	50.0	24.8	100.0	22.5
Total movers(f)	51.5	100.0	201.4	100.0	443.8	100.0

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(a) Households who have moved together in the last three years.

(b) Including to live closer to health and community support services, bought this dwelling as a first home buyer, reduce rental/mortgage costs, moved with family and friends, change in family circumstances, any other reasons.

(c) Figures do not sum to total as households could nominate more than one reason.

(d) See Glossary for definition.

(e) Including households who are renting and those purchasing a dwelling under a rent-buy/shared equity scheme.

(f) Including Don't know.

MOVERS(a), All reasons and main reason for moving from previous dwelling

<i>Reasons for moving from previous dwelling</i>	ALL REASONS(b)(c)		MAIN REASONS(c)	
	'000	%	'000	%
Mortgage/rent was too high	47.0	10.6	29.2	6.6
Dwelling was not suitable(d)	132.8	29.9	74.8	16.9
To live in a better area(d)	174.4	39.3	98.0	22.1
Loss of job or to improve employment prospects	65.6	14.8	42.2	9.5
Personal safety at risk(d)	26.5	6.0	9.5	2.1
Frailty, disability or ill health	16.8	3.8	7.9	1.8
Purchased another dwelling	37.3	8.4	31.4	7.1
Previous housing was temporary	20.8	4.7	17.8	4.0
Eviction/landlord ends lease	33.4	7.5	31.7	7.1
Health and community services not accessible	*2.3	*0.5	*2.0	*0.4
Change in employment or workplace relocation	14.8	3.3	13.0	2.9
Change in family circumstances(d)	41.9	9.4	37.9	8.5
Other reasons	53.5	12.1	48.4	10.9
Total movers	443.8	100.0

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. . not applicable

(a) Households who have moved together in the last three years.

(b) Figures do not sum to total as households could nominate more than one reason.

(c) Percentages are calculated as a proportion of total households that moved in the last three years.

(d) See Glossary for definition.

MOVERS(a), All reasons for moving from previous dwelling by selected characteristics

Selected characteristics	TO LIVE IN A BETTER AREA(b)(c)		DWELLING WAS NOT SUITABLE(b)(c)		LOSS OF JOB OR TO IMPROVE EMPLOYMENT PROSPECTS(c)		MORTGAGE, RENT WAS TOO HIGH(c)		CHANGE IN FAMILY CIRCUMSTANCES (c)	
	'000	%	'000	%	'000	%	'000	%	'000	%
Major statistical region										
Brisbane	61.2	35.1	58.2	43.8	20.6	31.3	19.1	40.5	17.4	41.6
Balance of Qld	113.2	64.9	74.6	56.2	45.1	68.7	28.0	59.5	24.5	58.4
Household type										
Person living alone	36.8	21.1	26.1	19.6	17.0	25.9	15.0	31.9	20.0	47.8
Couple only	46.5	26.7	28.3	21.3	16.7	25.5	7.6	16.3	*5.2	*12.3
Couple with children	62.9	36.0	51.9	39.1	23.4	35.6	12.8	27.2	np	np
Single parent family	16.8	9.7	18.0	13.5	6.0	9.2	7.5	15.9	12.3	29.3
All other households(b)	11.3	6.5	8.5	6.4	*2.5	*3.8	*4.1	*8.6	np	np
Tenure type										
Owner without a mortgage	33.6	19.3	np	np	7.1	10.9	np	np	*4.6	*10.9
Owner with a mortgage	68.4	39.2	46.0	34.7	16.1	24.5	11.3	24.1	9.9	23.5
Renter	70.7	40.6	60.9	45.9	39.2	59.8	30.5	64.9	26.3	62.7
Other	*1.6	*0.9	np	np	*3.2	*4.8	np	np	np	np
Landlord type(d)										
Real estate agent	46.6	26.7	35.4	26.6	23.1	35.2	16.5	35.0	17.3	41.3
Public, community, co-operative housing	*4.3	*2.5	6.5	4.9	np	np	np	np	np	np
Person not in same household	13.6	7.8	14.4	10.8	11.9	18.1	7.1	15.1	*5.4	*13.0
Other	6.2	3.6	*4.4	*3.3	np	np	*2.0	*4.4	np	np
Age group (years)										
18-24	13.6	7.8	10.2	7.7	7.3	11.2	6.1	13.0	*5.2	*12.3
25-34	50.5	29.0	35.1	26.5	17.7	27.0	13.3	28.4	11.6	27.6
35-44	44.8	25.7	39.5	29.7	20.5	31.2	14.1	30.1	11.5	27.5
45-54	26.1	15.0	19.7	14.8	12.9	19.6	6.4	13.7	6.1	14.6
55-64	22.5	12.9	13.9	10.5	np	np	*4.6	*9.8	*5.2	*12.5
65 years or more	16.9	9.7	14.4	10.9	np	np	*2.4	*5.1	*2.3	*5.4
Household income										
Less than \$37,000	58.4	33.5	47.9	36.1	19.9	30.3	21.3	45.3	21.4	51.1
\$37,000 - \$55,999	35.2	20.2	22.1	16.6	17.5	26.6	8.7	18.5	8.1	19.3
\$56,000 or more	75.1	43.1	57.6	43.4	25.8	39.3	14.6	31.1	11.0	26.2
Labour force status										
Employed	129.0	74.0	97.8	73.7	56.7	86.3	32.3	68.7	27.7	66.0
Unemployed	5.6	3.2	*3.5	*2.7	*2.5	*3.8	*2.7	*5.8	*2.7	*6.4
Not in the labour force	39.8	22.8	31.4	23.7	6.5	9.9	12.0	25.5	11.5	27.5
Total movers(e)	174.4	100.0	132.8	100.0	65.6	100.0	47.0	100.0	41.9	100.0

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(a) Households who have moved together in the last three years.

(b) See Glossary for definition.

(c) Percentages are calculated on the basis of total mover households.

(d) Including households who are renting and those purchasing a dwelling under a rent-buy/shared equity scheme.

(e) Including Don't know.

Selected characteristics	PURCHASED ANOTHER DWELLING(b)		OTHER REASONS(b)		TOTAL(c)	
	'000	%	'000	%	'000	%
Major statistical region						
Brisbane	14.1	37.7	71.7	45.4	183.8	41.4
Balance of Qld	23.2	62.3	86.4	54.6	259.9	58.6
Household type						
Person living alone	*4.7	*12.7	40.6	25.6	110.4	24.9
Couple only	14.7	39.4	41.9	26.5	112.9	25.4
Couple with children	14.6	39.1	44.8	28.3	139.7	31.5
Single parent family	np	np	22.1	14.0	56.9	12.8
All other households(d)	np	np	8.9	5.6	23.9	5.4
Tenure type						
Owner without a mortgage	5.7	15.4	18.5	11.7	67.0	15.1
Owner with a mortgage	30.1	80.6	41.6	26.3	147.5	33.2
Renter	*1.5	*4.0	93.8	59.3	220.0	49.6
Other	—	—	*4.3	*2.7	9.3	2.1
Landlord type(e)						
Real estate agent	np	np	54.8	34.6	134.5	30.3
Public, community, co-operative housing	—	—	8.9	5.6	14.9	3.4
Person not in same household	np	np	22.3	14.1	53.4	12.0
Other	—	—	7.1	4.5	16.4	3.7
Age group (years)						
18–24	np	np	13.8	8.7	38.8	8.7
25–34	14.8	39.6	46.0	29.1	126.9	28.6
35–44	9.2	24.5	38.2	24.2	116.2	26.2
45–54	7.5	20.2	24.6	15.6	71.1	16.0
55–64	*4.1	*10.9	15.8	10.0	49.3	11.1
65 years or more	np	np	19.8	12.5	41.5	9.3
Household income						
Less than \$37,000	6.2	16.6	69.1	43.7	162.4	36.6
\$37,000 - \$55,999	6.1	16.4	30.7	19.4	86.3	19.4
\$56,000 or more	24.0	64.5	53.3	33.7	179.4	40.4
Labour force status						
Employed	34.2	91.7	107.6	68.0	331.0	74.6
Unemployed	np	np	*5.3	*3.4	12.7	2.9
Not in the labour force	np	np	45.2	28.6	100.0	22.5
Total movers (f)	37.3	100.0	158.2	100.0	443.8	100.0

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(d) See Glossary for definition.

(e) Including households who are renting and those purchasing a dwelling under a rent-buy/shared equity scheme.

(f) Including Don't know.

Selected characteristics	CAN'T AFFORD A NEW DWELLING(b)		CAN'T AFFORD THE COSTS OF MOVING(b)		TOO MUCH EFFORT TO MOVE(b)		FOR FRAILTY, DISABILITY OR ILL HEALTH REASONS(b)		OTHER REASONS(b)(c)		TOTAL(b)(d)	
	'000	%	'000	%	'000	%	'000	%	'000	%	'000	%
Household type												
Person living alone	11.0	25.0	*4.7	*25.1	7.3	28.0	*1.5	*25.4	8.3	23.0	18.8	23.0
Couple only	8.6	19.6	*3.0	*16.1	5.7	21.8	*2.2	*36.0	8.9	24.9	19.0	23.2
Couple with children	13.9	31.7	*4.4	*23.7	8.0	31.0	*1.5	*25.0	11.8	32.8	28.2	34.4
Single parent family	7.2	16.3	*4.9	*26.3	*4.2	*16.2	—	—	*3.8	*10.5	10.1	12.4
All other households(c)	*3.3	*7.4	*1.6	*8.7	np	np	np	np	*3.2	*8.8	5.7	7.0
Tenure type												
Owner without a mortgage	6.4	14.6	*2.2	*11.7	5.7	22.0	*1.5	*25.6	11.0	30.6	17.4	21.3
Owner with a mortgage	14.7	33.5	*3.7	*20.1	9.2	35.3	np	np	12.2	34.0	27.8	34.0
Renter	22.2	50.6	12.3	66.4	10.3	39.8	*3.5	*58.9	12.4	34.4	35.2	43.1
Total(e)	44.0	100.0	18.6	100.0	25.9	100.0	6.0	100.0	35.9	100.0	81.8	100.0
Landlord type(f)												
Real estate agent	8.8	20.0	6.5	34.9	6.3	24.3	*1.4	*23.6	8.2	22.7	16.9	20.7
Public, community, co-operative housing	6.3	14.3	*2.4	*12.8	*2.2	*8.5	np	np	np	np	7.1	8.7
Person not in same household	5.7	12.9	*2.8	*14.9	**1.2	**4.7	np	np	*2.5	*6.9	8.1	9.9
Total(g)	22.6	51.4	12.3	66.4	10.7	41.3	*3.5	*58.9	12.4	34.4	35.6	43.5
Household income												
Less than \$37,000	19.5	44.2	11.3	60.9	10.3	39.8	*4.1	*68.9	11.0	30.5	29.2	35.7
\$37,000 - \$55,999	7.6	17.2	*1.8	*9.7	*3.1	*12.1	np	np	*2.8	*7.9	11.6	14.2
\$56,000 or more	15.3	34.8	*4.5	*24.3	11.4	43.9	np	np	20.6	57.4	37.8	46.2
Total households(g)	44.0	100.0	18.6	100.0	25.9	100.0	6.0	100.0	35.9	100.0	81.8	100.0

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(a) Households who wanted to move together in the next 12 months but did not intend to.

(b) Percentages are calculated on the basis of total households.

(c) See Glossary for definition.

(d) Figures do not sum to total as households could nominate more than one reason.

(e) Including Don't know and Other tenure types.

(f) Including households who are renting and those purchasing a dwelling under a rent-buy/shared equity scheme.

(g) Including Don't know.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

INTRODUCTION

1 This publication summarises results from the 2004 Queensland State Supplementary Survey, Housing Motivations and Intentions. The survey was conducted throughout Queensland during the two weeks commencing Monday 11 October 2004. The 2004 New South Wales State Supplementary Survey, Housing Choices was conducted at the same time.

2 The survey was conducted as a supplement to the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) Monthly Population Survey (MPS). The MPS is a multi-stage area sample of private dwellings and non-private dwellings (hotels, motels, caravan parks, etc). Information was obtained from the occupants of the selected dwellings by specially trained interviewers.

3 For details of the design, scope and coverage of the MPS, readers should refer to Information paper: *Labour Force Survey Sample Design, 2002 (cat. no. 6269.0)*, and any recent edition of the ABS publication, *Labour Force, Australia (cat. no. 6203.0)*.

4 Unless specified otherwise, information is presented for the current dwelling.

SCOPE

5 Information was collected by either face to face or telephone interview from one responsible adult per household, who answered questions on behalf of the household. This survey was conducted using seven-eighths of the full sample of private dwellings in Queensland that were included in the MPS and excluded:

- members of the permanent defence forces;
- certain diplomatic personnel of overseas governments, customarily excluded from the census and surveys;
- overseas residents in Australia;
- members of non-Australian defence forces (and their dependents) stationed in Australia;
- private dwellings containing visitors only;
- visitors to the household.

6 Residents of non-private dwellings that provide a communal type of accommodation such as hospitals, residents of homes (e.g. retirement homes, homes for persons with disabilities), and inmates of prisons are excluded from the survey.

7 Information was sought from approximately 4,700 households, and of these about 4,300 (93%) responded.

COVERAGE

8 The estimates in this publication relate to persons covered by the survey. Coverage rules are applied to ensure that each person is associated with only one dwelling and had only one chance of selection in the survey.

EFFECTS OF ROUNDING

9 Estimates have been rounded and discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

10 ABS publications draw extensively on information provided freely by individuals, businesses, governments and other organisations. Their continued cooperation is very much appreciated: without it, the wide range of statistics published by the ABS would not be available. Information received by the ABS is treated in strict confidence as required by the *Census and Statistics Act 1905*.

EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

RELATED PUBLICATIONS

11 The ABS produces a wide range of publications containing social and demographic statistics. Other publications which relate to this survey topic include:

- *Housing Choices, New South Wales, October 2004, cat. no. 3240.1*
- *Population Mobility, Queensland, October 2000, cat. no. 3237.3*
- *Population Mobility, Victoria, October 1999, cat. no. 3237.2*
- *Housing Motivations and Intentions, Western Australia, October 1998, cat. no. 8791.5*
- *Public Transport Usage and Migration Patterns, ACT, October 1998, cat. no. 1365.8*

APPENDIX ADDITIONAL DATA ITEM LIST

DATA AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

The ABS has a range of data available on request from the Housing Motivations and Intentions survey. This section lists the data items and populations which relate to the survey. More detailed breakdowns of some data items and customised tables to meet special data requirements may be available on request, subject to confidentiality and data quality restrictions. Inquiries should be made to the contact person shown on the front of this publication.

APPENDIX ADDITIONAL DATA ITEM LIST *continued*

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| <p>1 State or territory of usual residence
 New South Wales
 Victoria
 Queensland
 South Australia
 Western Australia
 Tasmania
 Northern Territory
 Australian Capital Territory</p> <p>2 Area of usual residence
 State capital city
 Balance of state/territory</p> <p>3 Sex
 Males
 Females</p> <p>4 Marital status
 Married
 Not married</p> <p>5 Household type
 Couple with dependents
 Husband, wife or partner with children aged 0–14 years
 Husband, wife or partner with children aged 0–14 and 15 years and over
 Husband, wife or partner with children aged 15 years and over
 Couple only
 Husband, wife or partner with no other usual residents
 Single parent
 Lone parent with children aged 0–14 years
 Lone parent with children aged 0–14 and 15 years and over
 Lone parent with children aged 15 years and over
 Person living alone
 All other households</p> <p>6 Country of birth
 Born in Australia
 Born overseas</p> <p>7 Age group (years)
 18 – 24
 25 – 34
 35 – 44
 45 – 54
 55 – 64
 65 and over</p> <p>8 Labour force status
 Employed
 Unemployed
 Persons not in the labour force</p> <p>9 Household annual gross income
 Less than \$37,000
 \$37,000 - \$55,999
 \$56,000 or more
 Don't know</p> <p>10 Whether current group living together continuously for 3 years
 Yes
 No
 Don't know</p> | <p>11 Type of dwelling household group initially lived in
 Separate house
 Semi detached, row or terrace house, townhouse, etc.
 Flat, unit or apartment
 Caravan in caravan park, manufactured home
 Other
 Don't know</p> <p>12 Any member at dwelling before current household living together
 Yes
 No
 Don't know</p> <p>13 Length of time at current address
 Less than 3 years
 3 years or more</p> <p>14 Current dwelling type
 Separate house
 Semi detached, row or terrace house, townhouse, etc.
 Flat, unit or apartment
 Caravan in caravan park, manufactured home
 Other
 Don't know</p> <p>15 Current dwelling tenure type
 Owner without a mortgage
 Owner with a mortgage
 Renter
 Being purchased under a rent-buy/shared equity scheme
 Other
 Don't know</p> <p>16 Landlord type of current dwelling
 Real estate agent
 Public, community, co-operative housing
 Person not in the same household
 Other
 Not stated
 Don't know</p> <p>17 Whether dwelling modification carried out
 Yes
 No
 Don't know</p> <p>18 Type of dwelling modification carried out
 Ramp
 Toilet, bath, laundry modification
 Door widened
 Handgrab rails
 Remote controls
 New/changed heating or air conditioning
 Home automation system
 Telemonitoring system
 Structural changes
 Other home modifications</p> |
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APPENDIX ADDITIONAL DATA ITEM LIST *continued*

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| <p>19 State or territory lived before recent move</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New South Wales Queensland Victoria South Australia Western Australia Tasmania Northern Territory ACT Don't know <p>20 Reasons for living in current dwelling</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To live closer to health and community support services To live near a school or educational institution To live closer to public transport To live near family and friends To live close to work or to improve employment prospects Bought this dwelling as a first home buyer To reduce rental/mortgage costs Wanted a bigger or smaller home Moved with family and friends To live in a better area Change in family circumstances Other reasons Don't know <p>21 Main reason for living in the current dwelling</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To live closer to health and community support services To live near a school or educational institution To live closer to public transport To live near family and friends To live close to work or to improve employment prospects Bought this dwelling as a first home buyer To reduce rental/mortgage costs Wanted a bigger or smaller home Moved with family and friends To live in a better area Change in family circumstances Other reasons Don't know <p>22 Reasons for moving from previous dwelling</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mortgage/rent was too high Dwelling was not suitable To live in a better area Loss of job or to improve employment prospects Personal safety at risk Frailty, disability or ill health Purchased another dwelling Previous housing was temporary Eviction/landlord ends lease Health and community services not accessible Change in employment to workplace relocation Change in family circumstances | <p>22 Reasons for moving from previous dwelling <i>cont.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any other reasons Don't know <p>23 Main reason for moving from the previous dwelling</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mortgage/rent was too high Dwelling was not suitable To live in a better area Loss of job or to improve employment prospects Personal safety at risk Frailty, disability or ill health Purchased another dwelling Previous housing was temporary Eviction/landlord ends lease Health and community services not accessible Change in employment to workplace relocation Change in family circumstances Any other reasons Don't know <p>24 Dwelling type of previous dwelling</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Separate house Semi detached, row or terrace house, townhouse, etc. Flat, unit or apartment Caravan in caravan park, manufactured home Other Don't know <p>25 Tenure type of previous dwelling</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Owner without a mortgage Owner with a mortgage Renter Being purchased under a rent-buy/shared equity scheme Other Don't know <p>26 Previous landlord type</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Real estate agent Public, community, co-operative housing Person not in same household Other Don't know <p>27 Household composition of previous dwelling</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Person living alone Couple only Couple with children Single parent family Group households of unrelated people Other <p>28 Whether current group of people likely to move in next 12 months</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes No Don't know <p>29 Want to move</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes No Don't know |
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APPENDIX ADDITIONAL DATA ITEM LIST *continued*

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| <p>30 Whether move discussed with other household members
 Yes
 No
 Don't know</p> <p>31 State or territory current group of people likely to move to
 New South Wales
 Queensland
 Victoria
 South Australia
 Western Australia
 Tasmania
 Northern Territory
 ACT
 Don't know</p> <p>32 Whether knows suburb of likely move
 Yes
 No
 Don't know</p> <p>33 Area the current group likely to move to (Queensland)
 Brisbane Metropolitan area
 Elsewhere in Queensland
 Standard labour force dissemination regions</p> <p>34 Tenure type if likely to move
 Owner without a mortgage
 Owner with a mortgage
 Renter
 Being purchased under a rent/buy equity scheme
 Other
 Don't know</p> <p>35 Dwelling type if likely to move
 Separate house
 Semi detached, row or terrace house, townhouse, etc.
 Flat, unit or apartment
 Caravan in caravan park, manufactured home
 Other
 Don't know</p> <p>36 Reasons likely to move
 To build or buy a new dwelling
 To live closer to health and community support services
 To live near a school or educational institution
 To live closer to public transport
 To travel overseas or around Australia
 Frailty, disability or ill health
 To reduce rental/mortgage costs
 To live near family and friends
 To live closer to work or to improve employment prospects
 To live in a better area (lifestyle, after retirement, safer/attractive neighbourhood)
 Want a bigger or smaller home
 Change in family circumstances
 Other reasons</p> | <p>36 Reasons likely to move <i>cont.</i>
 Don't know</p> <p>37 Main reason likely to move
 To build or buy a new dwelling
 To live closer to health and community support services
 To live near a school or educational institution
 To live closer to public transport
 To travel overseas or around Australia
 Frailty, disability or ill health
 To reduce rental/mortgage costs
 To live near family and friends
 To live closer to work or to improve employment prospects
 To live in a better area (lifestyle, after retirement, safer/attractive neighbourhood)
 Want a bigger or smaller home
 Change in family circumstances
 Other reasons
 Don't know</p> <p>38 Reasons not likely to move
 Can't afford a new dwelling
 Can't afford the costs of moving
 Too much effort to move
 For frailty, disability or ill health reasons</p> <p>Current dwelling is near school or educational institution
 Current dwelling is near family and friends
 Current dwelling is near household members place of work
 Current dwelling is close to public transport
 Current dwelling is close to health and community support services
 Other reasons
 Don't know</p> <p>39 Main reason not likely to move
 Can't afford a new dwelling
 Can't afford the costs of moving
 Too much effort to move
 For frailty, disability or ill health reasons</p> <p>Current dwelling is near school or educational institution
 Current dwelling is near family and friends
 Current dwelling is near household members place of work
 Current dwelling is close to public transport
 Current dwelling is close to health and community support services
 Other reasons
 Don't know</p> <p>40 Schedule obtained by phone or face-to-face
 Schedule obtained by phone
 Schedule not obtained by phone</p> |
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TECHNICAL NOTE

RELIABILITY OF ESTIMATES

1 The estimates provided in this publication are based on a sample of approximately 4,300 households in Queensland in October 2004. Estimates are subject to sampling and non-sampling error.

Non-sampling error

2 Non-sampling error may arise as a result of error in the reporting, recording or processing of the data and can occur even if there is a complete enumeration of the population. Non-sampling error can be introduced through inadequacies in the questionnaire, non-response, inaccurate reporting by respondents, error in the application of survey procedures, incorrect recording of answers and errors in data entry and processing.

3 It is difficult to measure the size of the non-sampling error. The extent of this error could vary considerably from survey to survey and from question to question. Every effort is made in the design of the survey and development of survey procedures to minimise the effect of this type of error.

Sampling error

4 Sampling error is the difference which would be expected between the estimate from a sample and the corresponding figure that would have been obtained from a survey using the same questionnaire and procedures involving the entire population.

ESTIMATES OF SAMPLING ERROR

5 One measure of the variability of estimates which occurs as a result of surveying only a sample of the population is the standard error (SE).

6 There are about two chances in three (67%) that a survey estimate is within one standard error of the figure that would have been obtained if all households/persons had been included in the survey. There are about nineteen chances in twenty (95%) that the estimate will lie within two standard errors.

7 The standard error can also be expressed as a percentage of the estimate. This is known as the relative standard error (RSE). The RSE is determined by dividing the standard error of an estimate SE(x) by the estimate x and expressing it as a percentage. That is: $RSE(x) = 100 * SE(x) / x$ (where x is the estimate). The RSE is a measure of the percentage error likely to have occurred due to sampling.

8 Table T1 on page 26 gives the approximate household weight RSEs for this survey, for general application to estimates. These figures will not give a precise measure of the SE of a particular estimate, but they will provide an indication of its magnitude.

9 Linear interpolation is used to calculate the standard error of estimates falling between the sizes of estimates listed in the table.

10 Proportions of a total and percentages formed from the ratio of two estimates are also subject to sampling error. The size of the error depends on the accuracy of both the numerator and the denominator. The formula for the relative standard error of a proportion or percentage is:

$$RSE\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) = \sqrt{[RSE(x)]^2 + [RSE(y)]^2}$$

11 Estimates derived from very small sample sizes are subject to such high RSEs as to detract seriously from their value for most reasonable uses. In this survey, household estimates between 5,538 and 1,364 have a RSE between 25% and 50% and have been indicated with the symbol '*'. Household estimates smaller than 1,364 have an RSE greater than 50% and have been indicated with the symbol '**'. Any estimate preceded by '*' or '**' symbol should be used with caution as it is subject to high sampling variability.

TECHNICAL NOTE *continued*

ESTIMATES OF SAMPLING
ERROR *continued*

T1 STANDARD ERRORS OF ESTIMATES OF QLD HOUSEHOLDS-
OCTOBER 2004

Size of estimate (households)	Standard error	Relative standard error	
		no.	%
1 000	579		57.9
1 500	717		47.8
2 000	832		41.6
2 500	932		37.3
3 000	1 022		34.1
3 500	1 104		31.6
4 000	1 180		29.5
5 000	1 317		26.3
8 000	1 653		20.7
10 000	1 837		18.4
20 000	2 529		12.6
30 000	3 031		10.1
50 000	3 784		7.6
100 000	5 055		5.1
200 000	6 667		3.3
300 000	7 792		2.6
500 000	9 424		1.9
1 000 000	12 061		1.2
2 000 000	15 238		0.8

GLOSSARY

All other households	This category includes other related (eg cousins and grandparents) and unrelated (eg share-house) groups of people living as a household, also multi-family households.
Apartment	See <i>Flat, unit or apartment</i> .
Balance of Queensland major statistical region	Any area in Queensland outside the Brisbane metropolitan area. For more detail please refer to the <i>Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC), cat. no. 1216.0</i> .
Being purchased under a rent/buy or shared equity scheme	This category applies where households are both purchasing some equity in the dwelling, and paying rent for the remainder.
Brisbane major statistical region	Extends north to include Caboolture Shire, south to include Beaudesert Shire and Gold Coast City, and west to include Pine Rivers Shire and Ipswich City. For more detail please refer to the <i>Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC), cat. no. 1216.0</i> .
Change in family circumstances	This category includes changes such as being partnered, married, divorced or moving to live alone.
Couple only	This category refers to a couple family with no dependent nor non-dependent children present in the dwelling.
Couple with children	This category refers to a couple family who have children or other dependents present in the family.
Dwelling	A structure, or a discrete space within a structure, intended for people to live in or where a person or group of people live. A dwelling may include one or more rooms used as an office or workshop provided the dwelling is in residential use.
Dwelling modifications	For the purposes of this survey, data were collected on modifications to the current dwelling for the elderly (i.e. persons aged 65 years and over) or people with disabilities. The types of modifications collected were: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ ramps;■ toilet, bath, laundry modifications;■ door widened;■ handgrab rails;■ remote controls;■ new or changed heating or air conditioning;■ home automation system;■ telemonitoring system;■ structural changes.
Dwelling not suitable	This includes the size, condition and type of the dwelling not being suitable for households as well as physically hazardous conditions (e.g. the dwelling condition causing falls or other accidents).
Dwelling structure	This survey used the full classification set out in the <i>Information Paper: Dwelling Structure Classification (DSC), 1992, cat. no. 1296.0</i> . The dwelling structure types used in this publication are: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Separate house;■ Semi-detached, row or terrace house, townhouse, etc;■ Flat, unit or apartment; and■ Caravan in caravan park, manufactured home;■ Other dwellings (i.e. caravan not in a caravan park, houseboat not in a marina and house or flat attached to shop).
Employed	See <i>Labour force status</i> .
Flat, unit or apartment	This category includes all dwellings in blocks of flats, units or apartments. These dwellings do not have their own private grounds and usually share a common entrance foyer or stairwell. This category also includes flats that are attached to houses such as a granny flat and houses converted into two or more flats.

GLOSSARY *continued*

- Household type** A household is a group of people who live together (in a single dwelling) as a single unit in the sense that they share common housekeeping arrangements. That is, the individuals residing in the same household share common facilities for the provision of food and other essentials.
- A person, or persons, living in the same dwelling but having separate catering arrangements constitutes a separate household. It is therefore possible for a physical dwelling to contain more than one household as defined.
- The categories used are;
- Couple only (including de facto relationships);
 - Couple (including de facto relationships) and dependents (including children);
 - Single parent family;
 - Persons living alone;
 - All other households.
- Labour force status** A classification of the civilian population aged 15 years and over into employed, unemployed or not in the labour force.
- An employed household is defined as having at least one *employed person* living there.
- Employed persons* are aged 15 years and over who, during the reference week:
- worked for one hour or more for pay, profit, commission or payment in kind, in a job or business or on a farm (comprising employees, employers and own account workers); or
 - worked for one hour or more without pay in a family business or on a farm (i.e. contributing family workers).
- Employed* are also defined as employees who had a job but were not at work and were:
- away from work for less than four weeks up to the end of the reference week; or
 - away from work for more than four weeks up to the end of the reference week and received pay for some or all of the four week period to the end of the reference week; or
 - away from work as a standard work or shift arrangement; or
 - on strike or locked out; or
 - on workers' compensation and expected to be returning to their job; or
 - were employers or own account workers, who had a job, business or farm, but were not at work.
- An unemployed household is defined as having at least one *unemployed person* living there.
- Unemployed persons* are defined as those who had actively looked for full-time or part-time work at any time in the four weeks up to the end of the reference week and:
- were available for work in the reference week; or
 - were waiting to start a new job within four weeks from the end of the reference week, and could have started in the reference week if the job had been available then.
- A household not in the labour force is defined as having at least one *person not in the labour force* living there.
- Persons not in the labour force* are aged 15 years and over who were not employed or unemployed, as defined. They include persons who were keeping house (unpaid) and persons who are retired, voluntarily inactive, or permanently unable to work.
- Landlord type** A landlord is defined as one who owns and leases land, buildings, etc. to another.
- The categories used for the purposes of this survey are:
- Real estate agent;
 - Public, community, co-operative housing (including the State or Territory housing authority);
 - Person not in the same household;
 - Other (including a parent or relative or other person).

GLOSSARY *continued*

Movers	Households where the current household members have moved together in the last three years.
Not in the labour force	See <i>Labour force status</i> .
Other dwellings	See <i>Dwelling structure</i> .
Other reasons not likely to move	This category includes other reasons for households not moving such as the current dwelling being close to health and community support services, schools or other educational institutions, public transport, family and friends or near a household member's place of work.
Other tenure type	This category applies to any tenure arrangements which did not fit other categories, including house-sitting or living in a dwelling rent-free.
Owner with a mortgage	This category applies to persons who are repaying a mortgage or loans secured against the dwelling, regardless of the purpose of the mortgage or secured loan.
Owner without a mortgage	This category applies to persons who are not making any payments on mortgages or loans secured against the dwelling.
Person living alone	This category refers to a single person household.
Personal safety at risk	This category includes any incident where a household member or neighbour felt unsafe or scared, also the perception that something may happen to put their safety at risk in either their home or its immediate vicinity.
Renter	This category applies to persons where money is exchanged to another person or organisation in return for lodging.
Semi-detached, row or terrace house, townhouse, etc.	A dwelling with its own private grounds and no dwelling above or below. A feature of this dwelling is that it is either attached in some structural way to one or more dwellings or is separated from neighbouring dwellings by less than one-half metre. Examples include semi-detached, duplexes, triplexes, row or terrace houses, townhouses and villa units. Multi-storey units or townhouses are separately identified from those which are single storeys.
Separate house	A house which stands alone in its own grounds separated from other dwellings by at least half a metre. A separate house may have a flat attached to it, such as a granny flat or converted garage (the flat is categorised under flat, unit or apartment- see above). The number of storeys of a separate house is not recorded.
Single parent family	This category refers to a family consisting of a lone parent with at least one dependent or non-dependent child (regardless of age) who is usually a resident in the family.
To live in a better area	This category includes lifestyle reasons, moving after retirement and moving to a safer or more attractive neighbourhood.
Tenure type	Tenure is the source of the legal right of a household to occupy a dwelling. For the purpose of this survey, households belong to one of these four occupancy categories: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Being paid off (see Owner with a mortgage)■ Owned outright (see Owner without a mortgage)■ Rented (See Renter)■ Being purchased under a rent/buy or shared equity scheme■ Other.
Unemployed	See <i>Labour force status</i> .
Unit	See <i>Flat, unit or apartment</i> .

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